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Deschutes Forest Supervisor Retires

Earl E. Nichols, supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest has retired from the Forest Service after 35 years in government work that included three years with the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

A native of Los Angeles, Nichols had worked seasonally with the Forest Service starting in 1943, and began full-time employment in 1951 on the Angeles National Forest in California.

Nichols retired August 31 to enter private industry as a consultant, according to Regional Forester R.E. Worthington, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service.

A graduate of Oregon State University, Nichols was named supervisor of the Deschutes in April 1969. Immediately prior to that appointment, Nichols had served as a deputy supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest in Roseburg, and had held several positions, mainly in fire management, on California Forests.

Nichols said he will maintain involvement in Forest planning until the Deschutes' draft environmental statement and Forest plan are made public in early 1981. Nichols also said he will work in a volunteer status for the next two months, especially to assist with state legislative tourism hearings to be held in Bend.

Worthington said deputy supervisor Art DuFault will serve as acting supervisor until Nichols' successor is named.

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